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**Subject:** consolidation restrictions

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To whom it may concern:

I read recently in the San Francisco Bay Guardian that the FCC, an organization created to oversee the competitive nature of communications, is planning on loosening consolidation restrictions in the media, to decrease cross-ownership and possibly create media monopolies. I'm sure there is big money behind decisions like this, but just hear me out for a minute.

I believe that to loosen restrictions on consolidations goes against everything that the United States stands for. We, as a nation, were built on the idea of competition and capitalism. Unfortunately, it seems the monetary nature of capitalism is beginning to override the importance of competition. However, it is of intense importance to acknowledge that competition is what makes America great. Competition not only creates a better product, it creates a better consumer, and a better market. Please do away with these proposed changes. I believe it would do America a great injustice to take away competition.

Thank you for your time,  
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**From:** William Hardy  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 5, 2003 10:55 PM  
**Subject:** Corporate Media

Do your job by stopping the consolidation and control of information. Our democracy (what is left of it) depends on it.

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